

PROCLAMATION

Presidents' Day February 19, 2024

WHEREAS, Washington's Birthday is the official name designated to what many of us know as Presidents' Day; and

WHEREAS, during the month of February, the birthdays of two of our greatest Presidents take place; and

WHEREAS, George Washington was born on February 22nd and Abraham Lincoln was born on February 12th; and

WHEREAS, Washington's Birthday was publicly celebrated since he was in office, before Abraham Lincoln was even born; and

WHEREAS, much of the debate over the name of the holiday springs from the fact that states can follow their own holidays how they see fit and many of them chose to also honor Lincoln, calling the celebration Presidents' Day; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 the term Presidents' Day came up for legal consideration in the Congress but was voted down, even though the holiday was moved to fall between the two Presidents' birthdays; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s there was a resurgence of the term with advertisers which solidified the holiday name in American culture; and

WHEREAS, many states have a joint holiday to honor both Abraham Lincoln and George Washington, calling it Presidents' Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Alameda Unified School District Board of Education proclaims February 19, 2024 as Presidents' Day.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of February, 2024.

AYES:_____MEMBERS:_____

NOES:_____MEMBERS:_____

ABSENT:_____MEMBERS:_____

ATTEST:

By: _____

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